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WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK FOR NEVADA



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TO RECIPIENTS OF WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK REPORTS:

Most of the usable water in western states originates as mountain snowfall. This snowfall accumulates during the winter and spring, several months before the snow melts and appears as streamflow. Since the runoff from precipitation as snow is delayed, estimates of snowmelt runoff can be made well in advance of its occurrence. Streamflow forecasts published in this report are based principally on measurement of the water equivalent of the mountain snowpack.

Forecasts become more accurate as more of the data affecting runoff are measured. All forecasts assume that climatic factors during the remainder of the snow accumulation and melt season will interact with a resultant average effect on runoff. Early season forecasts are therefore subject to a greater change than those made on later dates.

The snow course measurement is obtained by sampling snow depth and water equivalent at surveyed and marked locations in mountain areas. A total of about ten samples are taken at each location. The average of these are reported as snow depth and water equivalent. These measurements are repeated in the same location near the same dates each year.

Snow surveys are made monthly or semi-monthly from January 1 through June 1 in most states. There are about 1900 snow courses in Western United States and in the Columbia Basin in British Columbia. Networks of automatic snow water equivalent and related data sensing devices, along with radio telemetry are expanding and will provide a continuous record of snow water and other parameters at key locations.

Detailed data on snow course and soil moisture measurements are presented in state and local reports. Other data on reservoir storage, summaries of precipitation, current streamflow, and soil moisture conditions at valley elevations are also included. The report for Western United States presents a broad picture of water supply outlook conditions, including selected streamflow forecasts, summary of snow accumulation to date, and storage in larger reservoirs.

Snow survey and soil moisture data for the period of record are published by the Soil Conservation Service by states about every five years. Data for the current year is summarized in a West-wide basic data summary and published about October 1 of each year.

*Cover Photo: Cabins near Sacajawea Snow Course
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ALL AVERAGES ARE FOR 1958-72 PERIOD

WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK FOR NEVADA

BELOW NORMAL TEMPERATURES AND ABOVE AVERAGE PRECIPITATION HAVE RETARDED THE ANTICIPATED MELT FROM THE MOUNTAIN SNOWPACKS. THEREFORE, SNOW COURSE MEASUREMENTS ARE MUCH ABOVE AVERAGE FOR MAY 1. SNOW WATER CONTENT HAS CONTINUED TO ACCUMULATE ON THE HIGHER ELEVATION SNOW COURSES. ONLY THE LOWER ELEVATION COURSES SHOW SNOWMELT DURING THE MONTH.

STREAMFLOW FORECASTS HAVE AGAIN INCREASED, REFLECTING THE INCREASED WATER CONTENT IN THE SNOWPACK. ALL STREAMS ARE FORECAST TO FLOW MUCH ABOVE AVERAGE. NORMAL SNOWMELT FOR APRIL DID NOT OCCUR, SO MORE WATER WILL FLOW IN A SHORTER PERIOD OF TIME. WARM TEMPERATURES WILL CAUSE HIGH WATER ON MANY STREAMS.

RESERVOIR STORAGE IN MAJOR RESERVOIRS REMAINS HIGH, AT 120 PERCENT OF AVERAGE.

East Slope Sierra Nevada

Water supplies will be much above average for this season. May 1 snow survey measurements indicate snowpacks considerably above average. Cold temperatures and numerous storms during the first half of April have retarded snowmelt. Streamflows were very low for April, with an all-time low recorded on the West Walker River. Snowpacks are now 146 percent of average on the Carson, 164 percent on the Walker, 182 percent on the Truckee, and 216 percent in the Lake Tahoe Basin.

Streamflow forecasts have again been increased and are now the highest of the season. The Lake Tahoe rise is forecast at 1.9 feet May 1 to high, compared to 1.09 average. The Truckee River at Farad is now forecast to flow at 225,000 acre feet; the Carson River near Carson City is forecast at 225,000 acre feet, the West Walker and East Walker at 85,000 and 170,000 acre feet, respectively.

Reservoir storage is excellent. Lahontan contains 250,000 acre feet, or 86 percent of capacity. Bridgeport contains 39,000 acre feet and Topaz, 51,000 acre feet, for a combined total of 127 percent of average.

Humboldt and Owyhee Drainages

Snowpack conditions in these drainages are much above average. Most snow courses have exceeded May 1 maximum snowpacks on record, which includes the years 1958, 1963, and 1970.

Streamflow forecasts have been increased to reflect the above average snowpack for this time of year; they range from 154 to 375 percent of average. The Owyhee River near Owyhee is forecast to flow at 260 percent of average, and the Humboldt River at Palisade is forecast at 218 percent of average. All measured courses in the Humboldt and Owyhee drainages show an increase or very slight decrease during the month. The snow in this area has begun to melt.

Reservoir storage is slightly below last year, but still well above average. Wild Horse contains 57,000 acre feet, and Rye Patch contains 132,000 acre feet.

Northern Great Basin

Northwestern Nevada and the Surprise Valley continue to have much above average snowpacks.

The forecast for May 1 - July 31 is slightly above the forecast for April 1 - July 31. This is because of the late snows occurring in April and the below normal temperatures which maintained the existing snowpack.

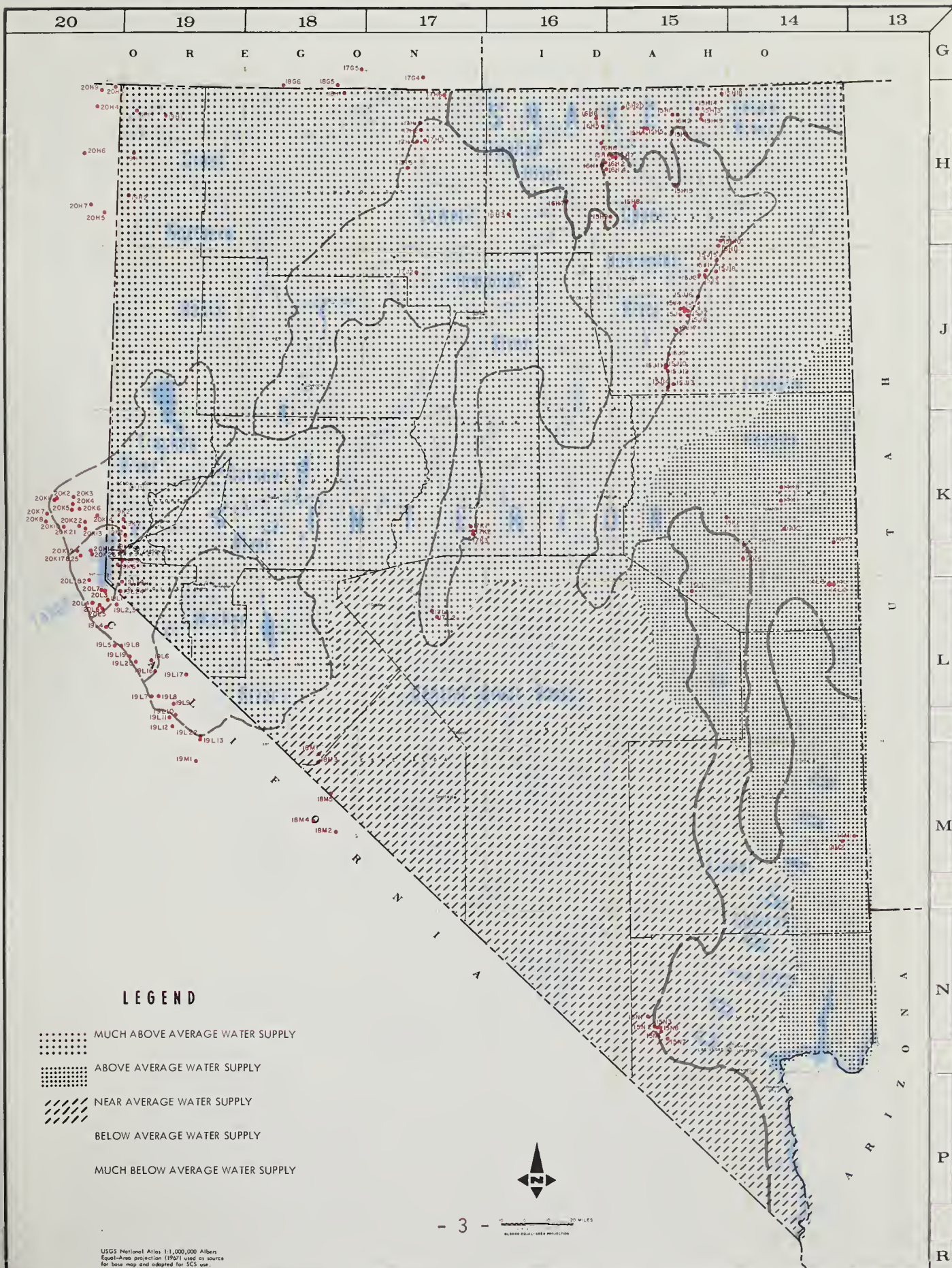
Water supplies will be well above average in this area.

Eastern and Central Nevada

Water supplies will be above average in eastern and central Nevada. Snowmelt is much later than usual this season, as in other areas, but runoff will continue later in the season.



PROSPECTIVE WATER SUPPLY FOR NEVADA



INDEX TO NEVADA SNOW COURSES (By Basins)

Refer to the map on the preceding page for Snow Course locations.

NUMBER	NAME	SEC.	TWP.	RGE.	ELEV.
SNAKE RIVER BASIN					
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15H1MA	Bear Creek	31	46N	58E	7800
15H2	Fox Creek	33	46N	58E	6800
15H13A	Goat Creek	31	46N	60E	8800
15H15A	Hummingbird Springs	6	45N	60E	8945
15H20a	Merritt Mountain	10	46N	54E	7000
15H14A	Pole Creek Ranger Station	13	46N	59E	8330
15H18a	Red Point	15	47N	61E	7940
15H3A	76 Creek	6	44N	58E	7100
15H19a	Stag Mountain	29	41N	58E	7800

OWYHEE RIVER					
15H4MP	Big Bend	30	45N	56E	6700
16H6a	Columbia Basin	31	44N	53E	6650
16H8a	Fawn Creek	2	45N	52E	7000
15H5	Gold Creek	32	45N	56E	6600
16H1M	Jack Creek, Lower	18	42N	53E	6800
16H2A	Jack Creek, Upper	9	42N	53E	7250
16H4	Jacks Peak	28	42N	53E	8420
16H5	Laurel Draw	20	45N	53E	6700
17G4a	Louse Canyon (Oreg.)	27	40S	44E	6440
15H9MP	Taylor Canyon	35	39N	53E	6200

INTERIOR					
UPPER HUMBOLDT RIVER					
15J17a	American Beauty	32	31N	58E	7800
15J12A	Corral Canyon	27	28N	57E	8500
15J1MP	Dorsey Basin	28	35N	60E	8100
15J3	Ory Creek	5	34N	60E	6500
15H7	Fry Canyon	31	43N	54E	6700
15J9MP	Green Mountain	23	29N	57E	8000
15J10	Harrison Pass #1	9	28N	57E	6600
15J11	Harrison Pass #2	16	28N	57E	7400
15J4	Lamoille #1	15	32N	58E	7100
15J5	Lamoille #2	14	32N	58E	7200
15J6M	Lamoille #3	24	32N	58E	7700
15J7	Lamoille #4	19	32N	59E	8000
15J8P	Lamoille #5	31	32N	59E	8700
15J18a	Pole Canyon	31	35N	61E	9140
15J16a	Robinson Lake	23	33N	59E	9200
15H6MP	Roded Flat	36	43N	53E	6800
15J2	Ryan Ranch	1	34N	59E	5800
15H8	Tremewan Ranch	9	39N	55E	5700
15H10P	Trout Creek, Lower	28	37N	61E	6900
15H11A	Trout Creek, Upper	4	36N	61E	8500

LOWER HUMBOLDT RIVER					
17K1	Big Creek Camp Ground	10	17N	43E	6600
17K2	Big Creek Mine	23	17N	43E	7600
17K3	Big Creek, Upper	26	17N	43E	7800
17H2	Buckskin, Lower	25	45N	39E	6700
17H1	Buckskin, Upper	11	45N	39E	8200
17L1	Corral, Lower	12	11N	40E	7500
17L2	Corral, Upper	20	11N	41E	8000
17J2	Golconda #2	22	35N	39E	6000
17H4	Granite Peak	22	44N	39E	7800
17H5	Lamance Creek	13	42N	38E	6000
17H3	Martin Creek	18	44N	40E	6700
16H3AP	Midas	18	39N	46E	7200
16H7	Toe Jam a	29	40N	50E	7700

EASTERN NEVADA					
14L1	Baker #1	29	13N	69E	7950
14L2	Baker #2	30	13N	69E	8950
14L3	Baker #3	25	13N	68E	9250
14K2	Berry Creek	26	17N	65E	9100
14K1	Bird Creek	34	19N	65E	7500
15J13	Cave Creek	25	27N	57E	7500
15J14	Hager Canyon	34	27N	57E	8000
15J15	Hoje-In-Mountain	6	35N	61E	7900
14K8	Kalamazoo Creek	34	20N	65E	7400
14K3	Murray Summit	25	16N	62E	7250
15K1	Robinson Summit	34	18N	61E	7600
14K7	Silver Creek #2	30	16N	69E	8000
14K5	Ward Mountain #2	25	15N	62E	8900

CENTRAL GREAT BASIN					
18M2	Campito Mountain (Cal.)	19	5S	35E	10200
18M5a	Chiatovich Flat	32	2S	34E	10500
15N2	Clark Canyon	8	19S	56E	9000
18M1	Montgomery Pass	4	1N	33E	7100
18M3a	Pinchot Creek	28	1N	33E	9300
18M4a	Piute Pass (Cal.)	33	4S	33E	11700
15N1	Trough Springs	23	18S	55E	8500

NORTHERN GREAT BASIN					
19H1	Bald Mountain	17	45N	21E	6720
20H5	Barber Creek (Cal.)	23	39N	16E	6500
20H6	Cedar Pass (Cal.)	12	43N	14E	7100
18G6a	Denio Creek (Oreg.)	14	41S	34E	6000
18H1	Disaster Peak	8	47N	34E	6500
20H3a	Dismal Swamp (Cal.)	31	48N	17E	7000
20H7	Eagle Peak (Cal.)	35	40N	15E	7200
19H3	49-Mountain	7	42N	19E	6000
19H2	Hays Canyon	1	39N	18E	6400
19H4a	Little Baldy Mountain	8	45N	19E	6000
20H9	Mt. Bidwell	6	47N	16E	7200
17G5a	Oregon Canyon (Oreg.)	9	40S	40E	7240
17H6a	Quinn Ridge	9	47N	41E	6300
20H4	Reservation Creek (Cal.)	12	46N	15E	5900
18G5a	Trout Creek (Oreg.)	10	41S	38E	7800

NUMBER	NAME	SEC.	TWP.	RGE.	ELEV.
LAKE TAHOE					
20L6STZ	Echo Peak	35	12N	17E	7800
20L5	Echo Summit (Cal.)	6	11N	18E	7450
20L7stz	Fallen Leaf (Cal.)	36	13N	17E	6300
19L2	Free! Bench (Cal.)	36	12N	18E	7300
19K6	Glenbrook #2	13	14N	18E	6900
19L3MSZ	Hagans Meadow (Cal.)	36	12N	18E	8000
20L4	Lake Lucille (Cal.)	28	12N	17E	8200
19K4MSTZ	Marlette Lake	18	15N	19E	8000
20L3	Richardsons #2 (Cal.)	6	12N	18E	6500
20L1	Rubicon #1 (Cal.)	6	13N	17E	8100
20L2	Rubicon #2 (Cal.)	6	13N	17E	7500
20K16	Tahoe City (Cal.)	6	15N	17E	6250
20K26	Tahoe City Alt. (Cal.)	7	15N	17E	6300
20K27	Tahoe City Cross (Cal.)	7	15N	16E	6750
19L1	Upper Truckee (Cal.)	21	12N	18E	6400
20K17M	Ward Creek (Cal.)	21	15N	16E	7000
20K25STZ	Ward Creek #2 (Cal.)	21	15N	16E	6750

TRUCKEE RIVER					
20K14	Boca #2 (Cal.)	28	18N	17E	5900
20K22	Brookway Summit (Cal.)	3	17N	16E	7100
20K21	Oonner Park #2 (Cal.)	18	17N	16E	6000
20K10	Oonner Summit (Cal.)	25	17N	14E	6900
20K7*	Fordyce Lake (Cal.)	34	18N	13E	6500
20K8*	Furnace Flat (Cal.)	10	17N	13E	6700
20K4MSTPZ	Independence Camp (Cal.)	34	19N	15E	7000
20K3	Independence Creek (Cal.)	14	19N	15E	6500
20K5	Independence Lake (Cal.)	9	18N	15E	8450
19K3	Little Valley	17	16N	19E	6300
19K2	Mt. Rose	7	17N	19E	9000
19K7	Mt. Rose Ski Area	30	17N	19E	9000
20K6	Sage Hen Creek (Cal.)	7	18N	16E	6500
20K19	Squaw Valley #2 (Cal.)	6	15N	16E	7500
20K13M	Truckee #2 (Cal.)	22	17N	16E	6400
20K2*	Webber Lake (Cal.)	29	19N	14E	7000
20K1*	Webber Peak (Cal.)	30	19N	14E	8000

CARSON RIVER					
19L5	Blue Lakes (Cal.)	30	9N	19E	8000
19L4	Carson Pass, Upper (Cal.)	22	10N	18E	8600
19K5	Clear Creek	6	14N	19E	7300
19L19a	Ebbetts Pass (Cal.)	17	8N	20E	8700
19L16a	Fish Valley, Upper (Cal.)	1	7N	22E	8050
19L06a	Poison Flat (Cal.)	25	8N	21E	7900
19L18A5	Wet Meadows Lake (Cal.)	26	9N	19E	8100
19L20a	Wolf Creek (Cal.)	35	8N	20E	8000

WALKER RIVER					
19L11	Buckeye Forks (Cal.)	20	4N	23E	8500
19L10	Buckeye Roughs (Cal.)	15	4N	23E	7900
19L12A	Center Mountain (Cal.)	4	3N	23E	9400
19L8	Leavitt Meadows (Cal.)	4	5N	22E	7200
19L17a	Lodbell Lake (Cal.)	20	7N	24E	9200
19L7M	Sonora Pass (Cal.)	1	5N	21E	8800
19M1*	Tioga Pass (Cal.)	30	1N	25E	9900
19L13	Virginia Lakes (Cal.)	5	2N	25E	9500
19L22MSZ	Virginia Lakes Ridge	32	3N	25E	9200
19L9	Willow Flat (Cal.)	21	5N	23E	8250

COLORADO					
LOWER COLORADO RIVER					
15N5	Kyle Canyon	27	19S	56E	8200
15N3	Lee Canyon #2	9	19S	56E	9200
15N8	Lee Canyon #3	10	19S	56E	8500
14M1	Mathew Canyon	10	6S	70E	6000
14M2	Pine Canyon	23	6S	69E	6200
15N7	Rainbow Canyon #2	6	20S	57E	8100
15L1	White River #1	31	13N	59E	7400

LEGEND

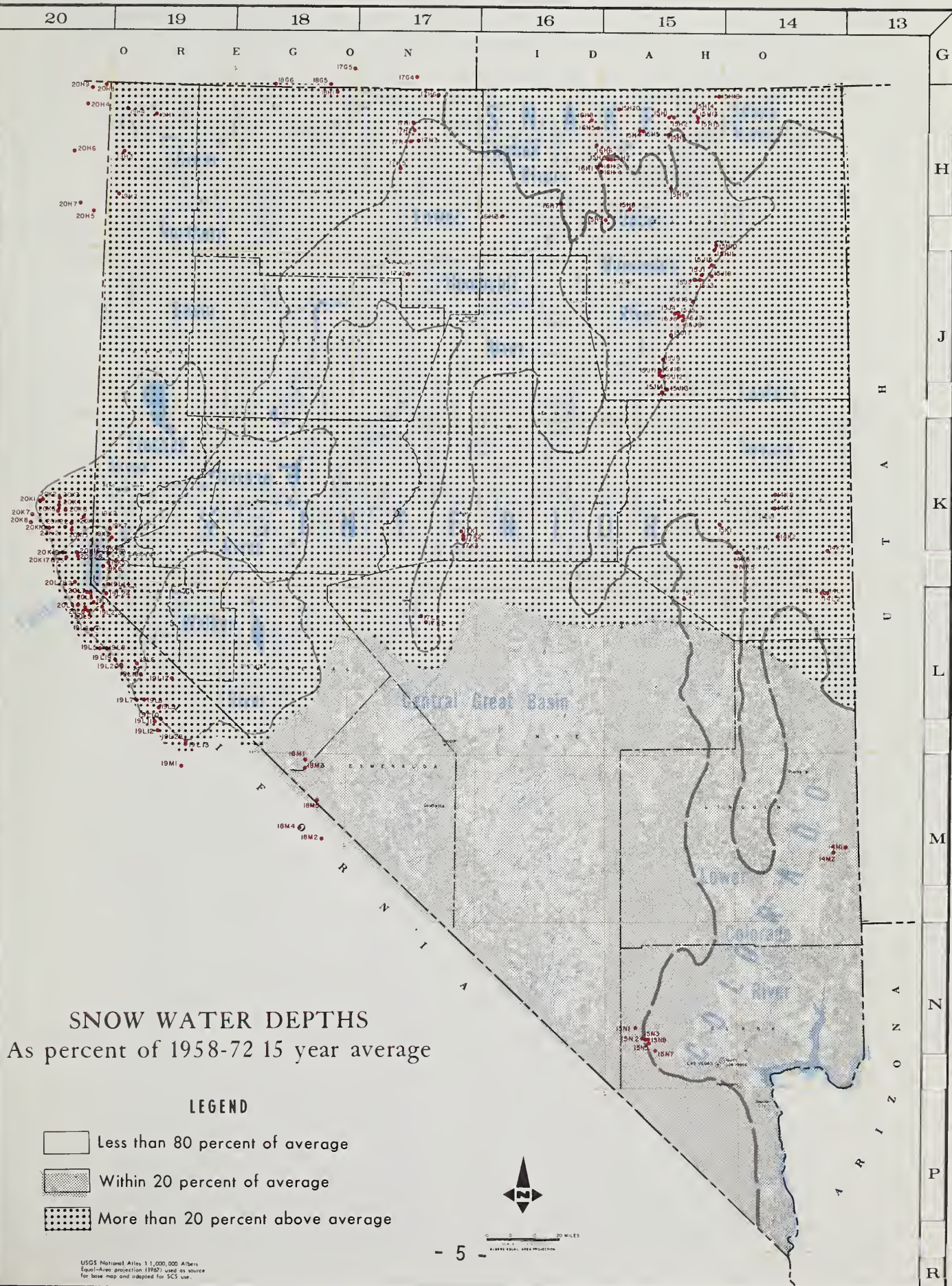
NUMBERING SYSTEM (EXAMPLE)

19K4	Snow Course Only
19K4S	Snow Course and Snow Pillow
19K4M	Snow Course and Soil Moisture
19K4A	Snow Course and Aerial Marker
19K4P	Snow Course and Storage Precipitation Gage
19K4MA	Snow Course, Soil Moisture and Aerial Marker
19K4MP	Snow Course, Soil Moisture and Precipitation Gage
19K4STZ	Snow Course, Snow Pillow and Temperature Radio Telemetered.

Lower case letters m, a, p, s, t, z, indicate no snow course, only a Soil Moisture Station, Aerial Marker, Storage Precipitation Gage, Snow Pillow, Temperature, or Radio Telemetered.

*Located on adjacent watershed

SNOW WATER DEPTHS



STREAMFLOW FORECASTS (Thousand Acre Feet) as of: May 1, 1975

Forecasts are based on snow-water presently stored in the mountain watersheds and the assumption that precipitation will be near average throughout the forecast period. Peak flow forecasts indicate the most probable range for the maximum average 24-hour flow. All averages are for 1958-72 period.

FORECAST POINT	Forecast Period	Forecast This Year	This Year as Percent of Average	Average +
<u>TRUCKEE RIVER</u>				
Little Truckee River above Boca, CA ¹	May-July	120	185	65
Truckee River at Farad, CA ¹	May-July	360	181	199
Lake Tahoe Rise in Feet (from May 1, assuming gates closed)	May-High	1.9	174	1.09
<u>CARSON RIVER</u>				
East Carson near Gardnerville, NV	May-July	230	153	150
West Carson at Woodfords, CA	May-July	62	151	41
Carson River near Carson City, NV	May-July	225	154	146
Carson River at Fort Churchill, NV	May-July	205	156	131
<u>WALKER RIVER</u>				
East Walker near Bridgeport, CA ¹	May-Aug.	85	144	59
West Walker below Little Walker near	May-July	175	135	129
<u>HUMBOLDT RIVER</u>				
Lamoille Creek near Lamoille, NV	May-July	43	154	26
South Fork Humboldt near Elko, NV	May-July	90	158	57
Marys River above Hot Springs, NV	May-July	47	196	24
North Fork Humboldt at Devils Gate, NV	May-July	60	300	20
Humboldt River at Palisade, NV	May-July	325	218	149
Humboldt River at Comus, NV	May-July	270	239	113
Martin Creek near Paradise, NV	May-July	25	250	10

STREAMFLOW FORECASTS (Thousand Acre Feet) as of: May 1, 1975

FORECAST POINT	Forecast Period	Forecast This Year	This Year as Percent of Average	Average †
<u>SNAKE RIVER</u>				
Owyhee River near Owyhee, NV ¹	May-July	110	268	41
Owyhee River near Gold Creek, NV ¹	May-July	30	375	8
<u>SURPRISE VALLEY</u>				
Bidwell Creek near Ft. Bidwell, CA	May-July	17	189	9.0
Mill Creek near Cedarville, CA	May-July	7.0	200	3.5
Deep Creek near Cedarville, CA	May-July	7.0	318	2.2
Eagle Creek near Eagleville, CA	May-July	7.1	187	3.8
<u>COLORADO RIVER</u>				
Virgin River at Virgin, UT	May-June	54	193	28
<p>1 Corrected for storage</p>				

PEAK FLOWS (MAXIMUM MEAN DAILY) (Av. flow for 24 hrs. on day of greatest flow)

FORECAST POINT	PEAK FLOW (SECOND FEET)	
	Forecast Range	Average +
Little Truckee River - Inflow to Stampede Reservoir	1425 - 1575	910
East Fork Carson River near Gardnerville, NV	2250 - 2400	1728
Carson River near Carson City, NV	2575 - 2825	1901
Carson River at Fort Churchill, NV	2250 - 2400	1730
West Walker River below Little Walker near Coleville, CA	1700 - 1850	1532

FORECAST DATE of LOW FLOW VALUES

FORECAST POINT	Low Flow Value Second/Ft.	Forecast Date Stream Will Recede to Low Flow Value	Average Date of Low Flow Value
East Carson River near Gardnerville, NV	200	8/10	7/20

SOIL MOISTURE MEASUREMENTS

STATION	Profile (Inches)		Soil Moisture (Inches)		
	Depth	Capacity	Date	This Year	Average +
<u>OWYHEE-HUMBOLDT BASIN</u>					
Bear Creek	72	16.9	NS	-	-
Big Bend	48	16.7	4/29	14.8	15.6*
Rodeo Flat	42	11.0	4/29	7.3	9.8*
Taylor Canyon	48	15.1	4/29	14.8	14.0*
<u>TAHOE-TRUCKEE BASIN</u>					
Independence Camp	34	6.1	4/27	2.5	4.3*
Marlette Lake	50	3.7	NS	-	3.0*
<u>WALKER BASIN</u>					
Sonora Pass	48	8.3	NS	-	8.2*
Virginia Lakes Ridge	40	5.0	NS	-	3.9*
* Adjusted average					

+ 1958-1972 period.

RESERVOIR STORAGE (Thousand Acre Feet) as of

Basin or Stream	RESERVOIR	Usable Capacity	Usable Storage		
			This Year	Last Year	Average†
Owyhee	Wild Horse	72	57	75	30
Lower Humboldt	Rye Patch	157	130	167	107
Colorado	Mohave	1,810	1,547	1,562	1,693
Colorado	Mead	26,159	19,383	19,022	16,943
Tahoe	Tahoe	732	553	623	480
Truckee	Boca	41	37	33	27
Truckee	Prosser**	30	7	18	8*
Truckee	Stampede	220	166	205	***
Carson	Lahontan	291	250	263	219
West Walker	Topaz	59	51	49	40
East Walker	Bridgeport	42	39	37	31

* Adjusted average
 ** Flood control use allocation of 20,000 acre-feet between November 1 and April 10.
 *** Storage began August 1, 1969.

TOTAL RESERVOIR STORAGE (Thousand Acre Feet)

MONTH	This Year	Last Year	Average †
October 1	961	820	718
January 1	900	1,015	714
February 1	936	1,147	782
March 1	1,040	1,103	843
April 1	1,134	1,250	893
May 1	1,117	1,247	934

† 1958-1972 period.

The above data developed from Wild Horse, Rye Patch, Tahoe, Boca, Lahontan, Topaz, and Bridgeport Reservoirs in 1,000 Acre-Feet.

TOTAL USABLE CAPACITY 1,394

SNOW COURSE MEASUREMENTS

DRAINAGE BASIN and/or SNOW COURSE		THIS YEAR			PAST RECORD	
		Date of Survey	Snow Depth (Inches)	Water Content (Inches)	Water Content (inches)	
NAME	Elevation				Last Year	Average †
<u>LAKE TAHOE</u>						
Echo Summit (CA)		4/30	108	51.0	38.4	24.2
Freel Bench (CA)		4/29	49	20.4	1.2	6.3*
Hagans Meadow		4/29	72	31.0	12.8	12.4*
Heavenly Valley		4/29	106	44.0	33.9	-
Marlette Lake		4/27	90	33.5	22.7	21.6*
Upper Truckee		4/29	33	12.2	0.0	-
Ward Creek #2 (CA)		4/27	145	56.3	51.3	40.1
Ward Creek #3 (CA)		4/27	134	58.3	43.9	-
<u>TRUCKEE RIVER</u>						
Donner Summit (CA)		4/23	128	59.3	44.0	30.7
Fordyce Lake (CA)		4/22	134	62.8	51.0	36.9*
Furnace Flat, CA		4/28	161	76.4	62.0	43.1
Independence Camp (CA)		4/27	83	35.3	19.5	18.1*
Independence Creek		4/27	57	21.2	0.0	7.3*
Independence Lake (CA)		4/27	136	55.6	59.3	47.0*
Mount Rose Ski Area		5/1	129	53.3	55.0	-
Squaw Valley #2 (CA)		4/27	159	64.3	62.3	51.4*
<u>CARSON RIVER</u>						
Blue Lakes		4/21	124	46.8	43.9	32.3
Carson Pass, Upper (CA)		4/22	115	49.0	39.4	33.3
Poison Flat		4/29	62	24.8	9.7	-
Wet Meadows #2		4/29	123	52.3	42.1	-
<u>WALKER RIVER</u>						
Sonora Pass (CA)		4/29	87	36.0	26.4	19.1
Virginia Lakes (CA)		4/29	48	19.7	15.6	14.2*
Virginia Lakes Ridge (CA)		4/29	60	22.7	19.6	-
<u>NORTHERN GREAT BASIN</u>						
Cedar Pass (CA)		4/28	77	32.5	22.0	11.1
<u>OWYHEE RIVER</u>						
Big Bend		4/29	43	16.6	0.9	1.3
Gold Creek		4/29	27	10.0	0.0	0.3
Jack Creek, Lower		4/29	29	9.1	0.0	0.1
Jack Creek, Upper		4/29	51	18.8	1.4	3.4
Jacks Peak		4/29	121	42.1	35.1	26.7
Taylor Canyon		4/29	22	7.0	0.0	0.1

† 1958-1972 period.

SNOW COURSE MEASUREMENTS

DRAINAGE BASIN and/or SNOW COURSE NAME	THIS YEAR			PAST RECORD	
	Date of Survey	Snow Depth (inches)	Water Content (inches)	Last Year	Average +
<u>SNAKE RIVER</u>					
Bear Creek	4/30	93	32.6a	18.8a	20.1
Goat Creek	4/29	85	27.5	18.4a	19.7
Hummingbird Springs	4/30	119	41.3a	26.9	27.7
Pole Creek Ranger Station	4/29	99	34.6	26.1	22.6
Red Point	4/30	53	18.4a	0.0	9.1*
<u>UPPER HUMBOLDT RIVER</u>					
Fry Canyon	4/29	32	11.7	0.0	1.1
Green Mountain	NS	-	-	9.6	6.2*
Lamoille #1	4/28	53	18.2	1.5	1.9*
Lamoille #2	4/28	52	18.3	1.2	2.5*
Lamoille #3	4/28	64	23.5	8.6	7.1*
Lamoille #4	4/28	91	33.2	19.1	15.6*
Lamoille #5	4/28	106	42.3	35.7	26.7*
Rodeo Flat	4/29	29	11.6	0.0	1.1
Tremewan Ranch	4/29	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<u>EASTERN NEVADA</u>					
Berry Creek	4/23	56	18.4	16.9	15.4
<u>ADDITIONAL DATA</u>					
Lamoille #1	4/4	47	16.6		
Mount Rose Ski Area	4/16	146	55.3		
Fallen Leaf	4/16	40	14.6		
Fallen Leaf	5/1	26	11.3		
NS No Survey <div> <p>NOTE: All averages based on 1958-72, 15 year period. Forecast period is April 1 through July 31 unless otherwise noted. a-Aerial marker; water content estimated. * 1958-72 adjusted average.</p> </div>					

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- California Department of Parks and Recreation
- California Department of Water Resources
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